SUPER BINGO FUNDRAISER  
By Tadao and Lois Okui

Our biggest fundraiser of the year was held on November 5, 2016. It was a huge success once again thanks to our wonderful donors, participants, hard working volunteers and planning committee. It was a night full of activities that started off with a delicious dinner, prepared by Hitomi Hashimoto and her kitchen volunteers and supplemented with sushi from California Rice Center and Sesame Chicken from Small Island. The dinner was topped off with an array of delectable desserts, home-baked by committee members and volunteers.

During the night, guest shopped at the Flea Market and the Farmer’s Market with produce donated by Muranaka Farms; the Silent Auction items were in the Conference Room where guest could bid on various items, such as, sports tickets; hand-made items; jewelry and many other items, such as a Kitchen Aid Stand Mixer and Nepresso Vertuoline. This year’s Nisei Week Queen, Jaclyn Tomita, and some of her court volunteered their time to help put a little sparkle to the event. They walked around promoting and selling the 50-50 raffle tickets.

Helen Ota, the former Artistic Director and member of Cold Tofu, an Asian American comedy improv and sketch group, did a wonderful job as emcee, especially being recruited on short notice and not being familiar with our event. We truly appreciate her time and support. - Continued on page 4.

TUNA CANYON DETENTION STATION - SFVJACC’S MISSION TO PRESERVE HISTORY COMES ALIVE  
By Nancy Oda

It was wonderful to see so many people present at the CC and taking pictures on October 2. Many who attended were children or grandchildren of Tuna Canyon Detention Station detainees. To describe the day for those of you that were unable to attend the premiere of the traveling exhibit, it was a cooler day full of hope. Friends, Sue Wong, Remy Ng, and Kay Yamada arrived early to greet guests.

Hats off to Kanji Sahara, Lloyd Hitt, Grace Shimizu, and Russ Endo for the content and Bill Skiles and Nancy Teramura Hayata for securing images and licensees. But most of all, thank you to David Scott and family for sharing their family picture album. The designers JRR, spent many hours to ensure a successful and beautiful exhibit. Keith Matsushita was in charge of the iPads consisting of a virtual tour, JANM interviews, biographies, diaries, and letters.

CC Member, Akira Kimura, and son, Henry, delivered a masterful bonsai early in the morning starting the event on the right foot. It represented the strength of the issei men. Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Hall was darkened to show fourteen interviews filmed at JANM by detainee’s families talking about the night a father was taken to Tuna Canyon, a kind guard, and other recollections.

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We are learning every day and are still seeking missing names and misspelled words. The commitment to our mission has made this beautiful exhibit possible despite an extremely short time line since most of us knew nothing about Tuna Canyon less than three years ago except Dr. Lloyd Hitt and the late Paul Tsuneishi.

CC President Paul Jonokuchi said, “It’s history in our own backyard!”

Thank you for all of your support. After the stint in Balboa Park in San Diego, we will open on December 10 at the Japanese American National Museum until April 9, 2017. Please come!

Another TCDS article on page 7.
**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Now, that we are in the winter season, I hope we get some much needed rain. I hope you all are getting your flu shot to keep you and your family healthy during the flu season.

I would like to thank everyone who came out for the CC Clean Up. We had a great turn out! Thank you to all the organization (JACL, Japanese School, Meiji Club, Gardeners, Athletics) for supporting our clean up effort. A special thank you to JACL for preparing lunch for us and to the Athletic fathers and kids for painting the wrought iron fence along Remick Avenue. Thank you everyone!

One of our Board member, Lisa Sugino resigned from the Board due to personal reasons. Even though it was for a short time, we appreciate her time and all the effort that she put in for the Board. Thank you Lisa!

To fill in her remaining year, Kiyō Watanabe, from Japanese School has graciously volunteered to take her place. Thank you Kiyō, you will be a great addition to our Board.

We would like to congratulate Nancy Oda and the Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition for their inaugural exhibit of “Only the Oaks Remain” at the Community Center in October. We had close to 400 visitors passing through the exhibit, along with special guest, former Secretary of Transportation, Norman Mineta and other V.I.P’s. This is a just a reminder for all of us to preserve the past and to educate our future youngster so that these kind of things never occur again.

Super Bingo! We had a good turn out with close to 350 people attending the event. The food was great with Korean ribs, pork, chicken, potato salad, green beans, just to name a few and everyone could not resist the variety of desserts.

The evening was filled with a flea market, silent auction and bingo. We were able to net over $38,000. Thank you everyone for your generosity and support. Also, thank you to all the volunteers and special thanks to Lois and Tadao Okui and Hiromi and Toji Hashimoto for all their hard work and all the planning they and their committee have been doing for last six month. Thank you everyone!

We purchased a couple of “Portocool Cooling Sysyems”. They are like giant swamp coolers on rollers. We used it once in August and it seem to work very well and it cooled the gym down about 15 degree. We hope that this will help the basketball players and during the Obon. This is an inexpensive way to cool the gym rather than installing an air condition unit.

Recently, Keiro offered a grant to non-profit organizations for senior-related programs which the Community Center has applied for. We hope that the grant that we applied for will improve the senior programs at the Center.

We have received two “Revenue Sharing” funds from Nikkei Senior Garden this year and we are very grateful for their generosity. Now, we are able to resume a number of projects this year to upgrade our safety and maintenance issues. Once again, we want to express our thanks to Nikkei Senior Gardens Board for making it possible for all of us.

It's getting close to the end of the year and I wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year! Enjoy your Holiday Season with your family and friends!

Paul Jonokuchi
SFVJACC President

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- Between the ages of 19 to 25 years.
- 50% Japanese ethnicity.
- A USA citizen or legal permanent resident.
- Family connection to our community center.

For more information, contact NJ Nakamura at 818-893-6503 or njnakamura@aol.com
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Returning to the Board in 2017 are Paul Jonokuchi, Nancy Oda and Liz Doomey. They will rejoin Bing Lau, Akiko Manaka, Jeremy Tsuneishi and Kiyo Watanabe.
Super Bingo Fundraiser - Continued from front page.

After dinner the bingo games began and everyone received some sort of prize, whether it be a winner of a bingo game, receiving the good neighbor prize, or getting something for having the next number on their card. Throughout the night everyone was able to shop and/or bid on auction items. After the bingo games, the raffle drawing was held and then Jaclyn picked the winning ticket for the 50-50 Raffle drawing.

Mary Ishimoto donated a couple of LA Clipper basketball tickets versus the Golden State Warriors valued at over $1,800. Since they were a last minute donation, the committee decided to do a live auction starting the bid at $750. It took a while for the bidding to start, but once it started Helen did a great job of emphasizing that this night was a fundraiser for the Community Center. The bidding went up by $50 increments finally settling at $1,200. The winner got a great deal on these tickets.

The evening closed with all the Gold Packet recipients receiving a Goody Bag filled with items from some of our donors. Thank you to everyone involved with this fundraiser - we were able to raise over $38,000. The proceeds will go towards the cost of redoing the gym floor and the fumigation of the gym.

Thank you to all our wonderful donors.

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Yonsei Basketball, established in 1993, is a cultural exchange program for eighth-grade boys and girls in the Southern California area. Through this program, the kids have an opportunity to experience the Japanese cultural and heritage roots firsthand. They learn and share the two cultures by playing basketball games and taking part in a home stay experience.

Players and parents undergo a detailed selection process. Participants are selected for academic excellence, positive attitude, extracurricular activities, and sound basketball skills. This year, three players from San Fernando Athletics made the team - Kate Higashi, Nicholas Maekawa and Jayden Yamasaki.

Here is a little bit of what they experienced during the trip from Barbara Maekawa, a mother of one of the players—

It's been such a wonderful 12-night ride for both players and their families in Japan!

The picture below is at the Kochi farewell dinner after each player stayed 5 nights with their Homestay families who provided yukatas and getas for the festivities. What an experience to be completely immersed in Japanese culture!

Our next stop on our trip was Hiroshima. The second picture below is the players at the Peace Park and were a part of folding 1,000 cranes to mark the occasion.

We are now in Kyoto where sadly, we will end our wonderful trip with a farewell Kaiseki dinner tonight.

It has been an experience of a lifetime for all and we thank everyone for their generosity and support!
Tuna Canyon Detention Station Traveling Exhibit Debut - Thank You To All! By Nancy Oda

Thank you to Bing Lau and Stacy Tanaka and boys for greeting all the visitors at the entrance gate.

At three o’clock on October 2, 2016, the SFV Taiko took center stage and opened the celebration with a bang! Thank you to teachers, Reid Taguchi and Eryn Tokuhara, and drummers, Nathanael Briones, Courtney DaFee, Marcos Dafee, Naomi Esotlas, Cindy Holsey, Kazuko Quijano, Lupe Sanchez, Jean Taguchi, Midori Tokuhara and Lee Yamashiro.

Master of Ceremonies, Kanji Sahara, introduced Paul Jonokuchi, Consul General Akira Chiba, NPS programs chair, Kara Miyagishima, Patty Lopez, State Assembly District 39, and Koji Steven Sakai, JANM Vice President.

Below is a link of the program. Photo credit: John Esaki, Director of the Frank H. Watse Media Center, JANM
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The Honorable Norman Mineta was the featured speaker whose own mark on history left an impression with the young audience by his action on 9/11 and dedicating the honor wall with over 2,000 names of Japanese, German, and Italian immigrants, and Japanese taken from Peru. Others in attendance was Supervisor Michael Antonovich, JANM CEO Ann Burroughs and retired LAPD Deputy Chief Terry Hara.

Reverend Yoshi Tsuyuki blessed the memorial exhibit with offerings from the representatives including Haru Kuromiya (descendants), Barbara Maekawa (food preparation), and Ritsuko Shinbash (translators). He wanted three young people to represent the future. There was a sake toast for safe travels by Paul Jonokuchi who was assisted by Nisei Week Queen, Jaclyn Tomita and princesses. Sake donated by Marty Berk.

The SFVJACC sponsored the refreshments for the event. Fugetsudo Confectionary stamped the Kohaku manju with their best wishes. Ariel Imamoto and Sharlene Miyagishima brought ice.

Rich Nakajima of Sugiolife Catering prepared the freshest sushi ever. He started as early as 11 pm the night before! Thank you, Rich, for your continued support of SFVJACC.

In addition to the TCDSC and SFVJACC board, the SFV JACL, the Meiji Club, and the SFV Athletics program were hands on from setting up the tables and chairs the day before, packing water in clean coolers, bringing ice, greeting people at the gate, packing the snacks, passing out manju, and selling T shirts.

The cleanup of Sakaguchi Hall and the gym then packing up of the exhibit was completed flawlessly. It was a tough job at the end of a long day. Kudos to Ted Tayenaka, John Doomey, and Danny Okazaki, and Hawks parents, and more.


Thank you to the SFV Athletics program for youth who understand the importance of service learning. From 9:00-6:00, many teenagers came to help us. They are: Tre Lau, Blake and Kyler Motoyasu, Jaren and Ty Tanaka, Akira Ishii, Tyler Summerville, and more. Jared Hiji came the day before to prep.

Photo by Barbara Maekawa

Pictured with Secretary Norman Y. Mineta are: Wyatt Lamarsna, Hana Chiba, Kyle Oda. Back row: Hale Chiba, Nicholas Maekawa, Devon Oda, and Jack Maekawa. Thank you to the parents who model for them.

This Project was organized by the Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition; funded, in part by a grant from the US Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program; and sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center.
October 1st was a beautiful sunny fall day for cleaning our home, the SFV JACC. It was heartwarming to see the Japanese Language school children picking up trash, the little Basketball guys pulling weeds, adults dusting and cleaning the buildings inside and outside, and some hardy souls scrubbing and repainting the iron fence. What a tough job! Mr. Kobayashi, Mr. Shinbashi and Mr. Nakama, our “CC Treasurers” all retired but can still skillfully trim our trees and shrubs. Thank you all!

Our chapter’s kitchen crew, Dr. Harvey Negoro and Nancy Gohata warmed the buns and cooked the hot dogs just right! Linda Kuratomi made outstanding chili. Harold Kameya, Linda Tanaka, Sumi Yamaguchi, Doreen Kawamoto and Evie Mitarai served over 170 fresh delicious lunches with a smile. It was so good that many of the hungry workers came back for seconds! Al Kushida had “dish pan” hands at the end of the day. We missed our dear kitchen manager and inspector and Foliage cruise without our consent or permission. They’ll have double duty next year. A fun, working time was had by all. The SFVJACC is sparkling clean for the holidays.

Thank you to all our volunteers for working so hard to beautify our Center!

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Jill Yoshizawa
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We apologize for any names omitted.

Thanks to a donation of a 40 yd. dumpster from Assemblywoman Patty Lopez, we were able to throw away many unwanted things.
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2017 NEW YEAR'S LUNCHEON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017
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DR. SANBO SAKAGUCHI HALL

$25.00 PER PERSON
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When I was young I remember my mom taking me to watch the grand parade and watching all of the floats go by. I spotted the Queen and her court and my eyes grew wide with excitement. I turned to my mom, pointed to the queen, and said, “I want to be her someday”. This was my first memory of Nisei Week. Before becoming a queen candidate, I had very little knowledge of what Nisei Week even entailed. Nisei Week to me solely consisted of Nikkei Games and a culmination celebration to end obon season. In the past couple of months, I have learned so much about Nisei Week history, Japanese American culture and the Japanese American community.

Growing up yonsei, I constantly struggled with my identity. I always felt not quite Japanese but also not quite American either. Living in Southern California all my life I was always reminded of my American culture, but I continuously hungered for more of my Japanese heritage. This constant craving ultimately lead me to the decision to become a queen candidate. People were surprised when they heard I was participating in a beauty pageant because the words “elegance” and “grace” were never synonymous with my name.

Being a member of the Nisei Week Queen and Court is so much more than just a beauty pageant. The best way to describe the experience is a “Japanese American beauty pageant ambassador program”. The beauty pageant portion is only for one night. Each training developed different knowledge and skills, which transformed us into well-rounded sophisticated women. Candidate training (or princess classes as I like to call them) taught us poise, how to speak eloquently, and carry ourselves in a sophisticated manner. The cultural classes taught us perseverance by breaking a board, discipline in creating beautiful lines with flowers, tradition through sacred tea rituals, and respect when learning about our history. Our modern dance number taught us to be confident, fierce and reveal our inner goddesses. Lastly, our traditional Odori dance taught us elegance, grace, and to be mindful at all times. We cannot thank the Queen’s committee and our masterful senseis enough for their hard work and helping us prepare for coronation and Nisei Week.

Coronation went by in a blur. Everything we had been working toward for months came and went in what seemed like an instant. We all arrived at the Aratani Theater bright and early to get ready. When I first walked into the dressing room each candidate had their own station with brightly lit mirrors and names displayed proudly at the top. I smiled in delight and the feeling can only be described as surreal. I remember looking around at all of my fellow candidates getting ready and just thinking how happy, excited, and truly honored we all were to be there.

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their questions this time so that helped my anxiety. Soon enough it was my turn to go and I walked onto the stage to greet David and Tamlyn. They first gave me a warm up question and I remember the real question being extremely long winded, but a necessary premise to explain the relevance of “cultural sustainability” as it pertained to Little Tokyo. I answered the question to the best of my ability and walked the stage hoping my answer was enough to make the SFVJACC proud. The girls and I all gathered together and walked our final glimpse and waited for the results of coronation. I could not believe it was already over. As we stood on stage, we all knew Julia would be crowned as Miss Tomodachi because she exemplifies the definition of true friendship and kindness. Megan was then called next as 1st Princess. The remaining five of us clumped together waiting with anticipation and when my name was called I was in complete shock. An overwhelming sense of happiness then washed over me and I completely lost it when Julia rushed to me and kept repeating, “I am so proud of you!” All of our hard work had come to this moment. I tried to compose myself and dry my tears to take my first walk as queen. Unfortunately because I had been crying my face muscles refused to form a smile and all of my pictures have this forced painful look. I remember so many cameras flashing and people asking me questions afterward. I knew it had all been worth it when my parents walked onto the stage for a family photo and they were beaming with pride and admiration. As my biggest supporters in life, I was so overjoyed to make them proud. After everything was said and done I headed back to the hotel because I was so exhausted. The day had been physically and emotionally draining. I mentally prepared myself for all of the Nisei Week festivities to come.

The following day we visited the exhibitions displayed at the JACCC and participated in the grand parade. All of the exhibitions were beautiful and the craftsmanship was simply amazing. We watched a tea ceremony, admired hand sewn sashiko designs, and marveled at the hand made kimono fabric items and hairpieces. Later we participated in the parade and this was one of my favorite parts of Nisei Week. We all dressed in kimono and climbed onto the float. I felt like a Disney princess and my childhood dream of one day riding in this parade was finally coming true. It warmed my heart to smile and wave to people and see their face light up with excitement. It was such a surreal feeling because everyone treated us like celebrities, but when in reality we are all just normal everyday people.

The following weekdays we toured Little Tokyo. We learned of its history and visited all of the local businesses to thank them for their continued support of the Nisei Week Foundation and for all that they do for the community. I had no idea this is what Nisei Week is all about. We learned of the struggles and discrimination the Japanese Americans had to face and how they combatted these problems through united community and supporting one another. Visiting these businesses showed me not only the impressive number of businesses that support the community, but how tight knit the community is as well. We appeared at pioneer luncheons and awards dinners a couple nights during the week and seeing the vast number of supporters only the impressive number of businesses that support the community, but how tight knit the community is as well. We appeared at pioneer luncheons and awards dinners a couple nights during the week and seeing the vast number of supporters was astonishing. Inspiration Award Winner and our Modern Dance Co-Choreographer Leslie Kawai said it best. In her speech she said something along the lines of “in times of despair, we need not to look for outside help because the most dependable people are right here in our community”. My admiration, love, and pride for my Japanese American culture and community infinitely grew that day.

Saturday we helped at the gyoza-eating contest, toured the Japanese American National Museum, and had our very first lesson of instant Taiko with Hal Keimi. The gyoza-eating contest was a sight to see. We started off the contest by cheering on last year’s court and group after group until it was time for the professional eaters. After all of the contestants were introduced and the contest had begun, we stood at the back of the stage dodging powerade and gyoza bits flying everywhere. I remember it being so hard to keep our smiles and composure despite it all. After that we toured JANM and many people volunteered to give us special tours. We were so honored. We loved hearing all of their personal stories from when they were interned in the camps and it made our experience exponentially more enjoyable. It is important to keep our history and story alive and because of these volunteers we can someday pass their stories onto our children to keep the legacy alive. We cannot thank you enough for sharing them with us. When we were finished with the tours we headed off to “Instant Taiko with Hal”. Hal Keimi is our personal photographer/videographer and he gave us an unforgettable, very quick, crash course in Taiko. We had so much fun drumming and laughing that all of our cheeks hurt afterward. This was one of my favorite parts of Nisei Week as well.

Closing Ceremony followed on Sunday and I remember being completely exhausted but so excited as well. I loved having the power to brighten people’s days simply by taking a picture or saying hello. The ondo dancing started and I was so incredibly happy to see all of the bright green happi coats in the line! When SFV was announced I cheered so loudly with joy! I loved seeing so many familiar faces and I cannot thank you all enough for your continued love and support through this whole journey. Everyone then danced to honor our ancestors and later the raffle prizes were given out. Then just like that Nisei Week was over.

It still feels unreal to me that I am this year’s Nisei Week Queen. It is an honor and privilege and I hope to make you all very proud. I am so thankful for the amazing friendships I’ve made with my fellow court members. Without all of you there is no way I would’ve survived training, coronation, or Nisei Week. I love you all very much. Thank you to all of my friends and family for supporting me. Thank you to all of the volunteers that make Nisei Week possible. Thank you to the Queen’s committee and our senseis for guiding and teaching us. And last but certainly not least, thank you to the SFVJACC for sponsoring and believing in me. I am eternally grateful to be part of this experience and cannot thank everyone enough for their continued hard work, support and dedication to Nisei Week and the Nisei Week Foundation. Thank you.
SF SHARKS
VFW TOURNAMENT
8th Grade
Gold Division Champs

Back row (left to right): Coach Jason Tanaka, Akira Ishii, Nicolas Nguyen, Brandon Szeto, Ethan Mo, Asst. Coach Kris Minami
Font row (left to right): Austin Lee, Tyler Minami, Evan Motoyasu, Allen Lew
Missing: Jaren Tanaka

SF BLAKERS
PASADENA BRUINS TOURNAMENT
6th Grade Boys Championship

Back row (left to right): Scotty Nimura, Kyle Deng, Justin Perez, Ethan Kodama and Coach Brent Doi
Front row (left to right): Ryan Tjenalooi, Ryuto Murata, Troy Kadonaga, Jared Doi, Brenden Yamauchi

SF WOLFPACK
Hollywood Dodgers Las Vegas Tournament
3rd Grade Boys Champs

Front row (left to right): Zachary Song, Joren Sakamoto and Zen Shimabukuro
Back row (left to right): Bryce Koga, Garrett Kido, Travis Dao, Jasen Serapio, Jonevan Limpus and Coach Don Shimabukuro
Missing: Miles Hiura and Asst. Coach Doug Hiura
The SFVJ Language Institute’s 2015-2016 school year is progressing well. We had record breaking proceeds from our Curry Rice Sale that was held on October 22. Our Yard Sale held on November 5 was also a success. We will be having another Yard Sale in the spring. So keep us in mind if you have any items you want to let go of.

Our Nyumon and J1A classes will be visiting NSG on December 3 to spread holiday cheer to the seniors. We will be spreading more cheer on December 17 with our Holiday program when all of the students of SFVJLI will be performing. Our younger students are also busy preparing to perform at the CC New Year’s party on February 4!

Speaking of spreading holiday cheer, the J-School has Marukai Gift Cards available in $10 increments. The school receives 6% of all proceeds from the sale of the gift cards. If you would like to purchase gift cards please contact Carmen Aronis at caronis79@gmail.com.

The winter Adult Conversation classes begin on January 7, 2017. If you know anyone who is interested in learning Japanese, the 10-session course is held on Saturdays from 10:30am to 12:30pm for just $250. In addition to conversation, a Japanese Writing class is now being offered. The writing class is held on Saturdays from 9:20am to 10:30am. The writing class is available only to those enrolled in the conversation class, the tuition for the 10-week session for both classes is $375.00.

The J-school is actively trying to complete the improvements in the playground area of the campus. If anyone is interested in donating their time or money to this cause please contact watanabekiyo@sbcglobal.net. We are now accepting credit card payments which makes donating very convenient.

SFV JAGUARS WINNERS IN LAS VEGAS

The SFV Jaguars earned the black championship t-shirt in the 17th Annual Hollywood Dodgers Las Vegas Invitational basketball tournament held on August 6 & 7, 2016. Coached by Karen Yoshino and assistant coach, John Katzaroff, the Jaguars first tournament win was in 2013. Not having enough players, the Jaguars didn’t play in 2014. In 2015, the team was victorious again. Congratulations Jaguars– Three Time HD Las Vegas BB Champions!!

This year’s tournament included 306 teams in the boy’s, girl’s, and men’s divisions. Thanks to the Clark County School District, the City of Las Vegas Recreation Department, YMCA, and the University of Nevada Las Vegas, tournament games were played at 39 different venues. The Hollywood Dodgers Organization thanked the army of volunteers who helped to sponsor one of the most popular basketball tournaments for our youth.
Haruo felt the cold as he walked toward Main Street after finishing the job of shoveling snow off of a neighbor’s driveway. His thin jacket was just warm enough to keep his teeth from chattering as the sun dipped below the trees on the parkway. With the small change he had earned this evening and from odd jobs around the neighborhood, he figured he had just enough money to purchase the scarf that he had decided upon for his mother’s Christmas gift. That thought made him warm inside because he loved his mother so much.

It had been hard on the family since his dad passed away unexpectedly last year. Mom was supporting the family by taking on extra shifts at the hospital where she worked. Money was always tight, but the family managed by cutting back on everything except the essentials. She was always so tired when she came home from work, but she made sure that she spent personal time with each of her children to listen to their problems, to counsel them, and to love them. Those were the essentials that she would never cut back on. Haruo and his two older sisters did most of the chores around the house to help their mom as much as they could.

As Haruo headed to Main Street to purchase the scarf for his mom, he felt so happy that he would be able to give her a Christmas present. His sisters had already made beautiful gifts for their mom, but he wasn’t as talented as they were, so he had to settle on buying something from a store. It was Christmas Eve and he had just enough time to make his purchase before the store closed. Suddenly, Haruo was startled by the loud bang of a trash can lid just to his right as a man dressed in ragged clothing turned to face him. He tightly clutched the money that he had earned in his pocket and feared the worst until he saw the man’s face. He had a grey beard, a twinkle in his eye and a gentle smile. The ragged man said sheepishly, “I was just looking for something I could use. Merry Christmas,” and then the ragged man turned and walked slowly down the alley.

Haruo felt relieved that his money was safe as he continued walking to Main Street, but he couldn’t stop thinking of the ragged man who was probably looking for something to eat in trash cans. Haruo’s mom had always taught his sisters and him that they were to help others who were less fortunate than themselves. As he passed the corner grocery store, he just knew what he had to do. He purchased a loaf of bread, cold cuts, a couple of apples and oranges, and a box of cookies. The purchase used all the money that he had saved for his mom’s Christmas present. As Haruo hurried down the alley, he finally caught up with the ragged man on Main Street and said, “Merry Christmas,” as he presented the bag of groceries to the man. The ragged man was barely able to speak as his twinkling eyes turned red and misty. He finally mustered a weak, “God bless you, son,” and was still nodding his head as Haruo turned and walked out of the alley toward Main Street.

The glow of joy that Haruo had felt when he left the ragged man faded quickly with the realization that he had no money to purchase the scarf for his mom. He knew that his mom would give him a big hug for helping the ragged man instead of buying a present for her, but he still thought to himself, “How stupid can you get? You chose a stranger over your mom!” As the evening turned to darkness and most of the stores began to close down, Haruo walked down Main Street feeling sorry for himself as he plopped down on a sidewalk bench. He was almost in tears, with his hands holding his head, when he looked down and saw a shiny quarter on the ground in front of him. He picked the quarter up and held it up as if in disbelief of his good luck.

As Haruo focused past the quarter, he saw a flower shop right across the street. The sign on the store said it was closed, but the lights were still on and it looked like a customer was still being served. Haruo thought to himself, “Maybe the florist will sell me a flower for this quarter that I can give to my mom.” With his feet barely touching the ground, he flew across the street and entered the store as the customer was leaving. When the shop owner asked if he could help him, Haruo placed the quarter on the counter and said, “Please sir, this is all the money I have for my mom’s Christmas present. Is there anything you could sell me for a quarter?” The shop owner paused to look at him and the quarter for a second, and said, “I’ll see what I can do.”

As Haruo waited, he walked around the shop looking at the beautiful flowers and the price tags which told him that his quarter would not be enough to purchase even a single flower. After a minute, the shop owner returned with a long rectangular box that contained a dozen long stemmed red roses that were tied together with a golden bow. Haruo knew he could not afford a dozen roses so he thought that they were for some other customer. The shop owner said, “That will be 25 cents please.” Haruo could not believe what he was hearing, but gratefully took the roses and said to the shop owner, “Thank you so much. My mom will be so happy. God bless you, sir.”

As Haruo was leaving the store, he heard the shop owner say, “Merry Christmas.” The shop owner continued to stand there, lost in his thoughts, staring at the quarter on the counter until his wife appeared from the back room and asked, “Do you want to tell me about it?” The shop owner began by saying, “When I was setting up the shop this morning, a little voice inside my head told me to set aside a dozen roses that would be needed for a very special gift today. There was no logical reason to do that, but I did it anyway. Then this boy comes into the shop with only a quarter to buy a present for his mother, and I just knew what this whole thing was about. I saw myself in that boy, over 50 years ago, in the same situation. It was Christmas Eve; I had no money and was walking the street trying to find anything for a present for my mother. Then by chance, I met a complete stranger in front of a candy shop, who gave me a whole quarter after hearing my story. A quarter was a lot of money back in those days. I was in shock and all I could say to the man was thank you and God bless you. I’ll never forget the stranger’s face; he had a grey beard, a twinkle in his eye, and a gentle smile. “I took that quarter to the candy shop to purchase a gift for my mother.”

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At the candy shop, I received an unexpected gift that I am grateful for to this very day. I met the most beautiful girl that I have ever seen...you.” With her knowing smile, his wife just replied, “Let’s go home; we’ve been open way past closing time.” As the shop owner and his wife embraced each other, each whispered, “Merry Christmas.”

In Luke 6:38, Jesus tells us, “Give and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.” Jesus encourages us to give generously without the fear that we will somehow end up as losers in our giving. We cannot out give God. He will return to us in abundance, in sometimes unexpected ways, much more than we could ever give. The key is not so much the giving of material things, but the giving of love, kindness and forgiveness. We are always abundantly blessed when we give these things to the people God places in our lives. Merry Christmas.

Welcome New Community Center Members

Roland & Delphia Biancaflor
Russell Burgos
Caroline Heindel
Elizabeth Fierro
Hikari Freundleb
Richard & Mary Garcia
Jorge & Maria Gomez
Stuart Imai
Sherry Katz
Rika Kubo
Ben & Winnie Liou
Dennis Murphy & Eri Kawaguchi-Murphy

Gene & Maiko Nishimura
Larry & Brenda Osborn
Elizabeth Pablo
Rico & Aurea Pacis
Raul Robles
Rick Rothbart
Yasuaki & Maria Sagara
Chris & Midori Skarmeas
Cindy Stuckey
Chris & Asami Willison
Bill Wilson
Kuniko Yasuda
Yoshimi Sussan
Geraldine Takayoshi
George Wakiji
LITTLE TOKYO HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEEKS ENTRIES FOR 2017 SHORT STORY CONTEST


The purpose of the contest is to raise awareness of Little Tokyo through a creative story that takes place in Little Tokyo. The story has to be fictional and set in a current, past or future Little Tokyo in the City of Los Angeles, California. Each category winner will be awarded $500 in cash with their short story being published in The Rafu Shimpo and Discover Nikkei website. A public award ceremony and dramatic readings of the winning stories are also being planned for spring 2017.

“We have received submissions from all over the United States and even Japan,” said Bill Watanabe, head of the Imagine Little Tokyo committee. “It’s encouraging to see how this contest encourages people to imagine and revisit Little Tokyo in new ways.’

For more information and guidelines, refer to the Little Tokyo Historical Society website, http://www.littletokyohs.org. If you would like to financially contribute to the contest, e-mail littletokyohs@gmail.com

Guidelines

- The story must be original, fictional, written in either Japanese or English by the submitting author and never been published (even online).
- The same story submitted in a previous year cannot be resubmitted.
- The setting of the story should be in Little Tokyo – either past, present or future.
- Submitted manuscript should be 2,500 words or less for English or 5,000 ji or less for Japanese and have a title.
- File should be a Microsoft Word doc, docx or rtf.
- Please use 12 point font, preferably Times Roman or Courier type.
- Please remove any mention of your name from your short story, including headers.
- The short story manuscript must be submitted digitally as an e-mail attachment to littletokyohs@gmail.com (include SHORT STORY in the subject line). In the e-mail message, please include your name, phone number and age if 18 or under.
- The submissions should include a signed agreement, which can be found on the Little Tokyo Historical Society website http://www.littletokyohs.org. The agreement can be either e-mailed or sent via post.
- Submissions need to be e-mailed by January 31, 2017, 12 midnight PST. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Immediate family members of judges (first-round or final) are ineligible.

TELLING OUR STORIES

By: Patricia Takayama

“Telling Our Stories” classes, sponsored by the SFV JACL are taking a break until next March 2017, when the writing program will begin again headed by Academy Award Winner Short Documentary writer, Timothy Toyama for the film “Visas and Virtues” about Consul General of Japan, who issued exit visas via Japan to Jews fleeing Nazi German authority.

“Telling Our Stories” is a two hour class where Nisei, Sansei and others have the opportunity to share their early life experiences about family life, holidays, musical talents, work and travel experiences among other topics with class members and recall some joyful, painful and remarkable stories.

A joyful, charming Buddhist nurse was so engaging her Mormon patient joined her in a Buddhist chant. Another student wrote about a 16-hour work-day at a pineapple factory. Everyone has dozens of interesting stories to recount, as a child of mixed parentage, growing up in a community different from the San Fernando Valley, life in camp or the impact that WWII had on our parents and us or sibling rivalry. This class is an opportunity to jot it down and share it with other class members.

Next year, three sessions of 2 hour, six week classes will be held at the SFV JACC. The class will meet either on Thursday evening or Saturday afternoon to accommodate different schedules. The hope is that more people will come join one of the classes. At the end of the third session we will invite the members and former members of the classes to submit a story for publication in a book we are assembling to capture our more memorable stories.

Everyone is invited to check out the class for $5.00 a class and $30.00 for the 6-week session. If you are interested in learning more about the class and some of the topics we’ve written about, please email me at: pe.high.mtn@juno.com or leave a phone message at: (818) 899-7916.
COORDINATING COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONS—MEETINGS—CONTACT PERSONS

Coordinating Council.................. 1st Wed., 7:00 PM........Nancy Oda........... 818 786-0914
Community Center................... 3rd Wed., 7:00 PM........Paul Jonokuchi........ 818 894-5327
Athletics............................ 3rd Tues., 7:30 PM......Margaret Takimoto........ 818 701-7628
CC News.............................................................. Lois Okui........ 818 892-1487.... Email: loisokui@aol.com
Chatsworth West United Methodist Church.......................................................... Contact:
................................................................. 2nd Sun., 1:00 PM....Doreen Kawamoto ... 818 764-8850
Crossway Church....................... 2nd Sun., 12:30 PM......Jennifer Trax........... 818 896-1676
Nikkei Senior Gardens.................. 2nd Thurs. (even months), 7 PM...Tadao Okui... 818 515-8247
SFV Bonsai Club.......................... 4th Sun., 8 AM-12 PM
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.... 2nd Mon., 7:30 PM........Terry Ishigo .... 818 899-4030
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SFV Japanese Language Institute ...2nd Sat., 8:30 AM..........Kiyos Watanabe .... 818 896-8612
SFV Judo Club.............................. 4th Wed., 7:00 PM.....Kenji Couey......... 818 381-7232
SFV Meiji Senior Citizens.......... 1st Fri., 12:30 PM........Liz Doomey .......... 818 892-7381
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................................................................. Walter Zipusch..... 818 746-6677
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<td>Exercise Class</td>
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<td>Hawaiian Hula</td>
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<td>Hitomi’s Cooking Class*</td>
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<td>Ikenobo Ikebana</td>
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<td>Japanese Calligraphy*</td>
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<td>Yuriko Muso</td>
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<td>Japanese Classical Dance*</td>
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<td>Walter Fujimori</td>
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<td>Kokusui Chig bin Class*</td>
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<td>Mandolin*</td>
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<td>Ondo Dancing*</td>
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<td>Masako Rodriuez</td>
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<td>Ping Pong Club*</td>
<td>Thurs/2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesday</td>
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<td>Aaron Sanwo</td>
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<td>Qi Gong</td>
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<td>Momie Kosaka</td>
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<td>SFV Judo Club</td>
<td>Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri</td>
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<td>Kenji Couey</td>
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<td>Taiko</td>
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<td>Ukulele Class*</td>
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<td>Greg Librando</td>
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<td>Margaret Takimoto</td>
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SUPPORT GROUPS & SERVICES

Alzheimer’s Support Group........ 1st Saturday.. 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Facilitator: Isabelle Miyata
Blood Pressure Screening*........ 3rd Friday   9:30-11:00 AM Nikkei Pioneer Conference Room
Podiatrist*                      2nd Saturday | 11:30—2:00 PM | Nikkei Pioneer Conference Room

*Meiji Senior Citizens’ Activity or Service

For more information, call the CC at (818) 899-1989.

Want to reserve the Community Center for an event?
Call Tadao Okui at 818-892-1487
or email: tadokui@aol.com

Want to submit an article for the CC Newsletter?
Email: loisokui@aol.com

CC Deadline: 2nd Friday of every odd month.
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HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE
9450 Remick Avenue, Pacoima
818 899-4030  sfvhbt@sfvhbt.org
www.sfvhbt.org

Resident Minister: Rev. Patricia Usuki
Temple President: Terry Ishigo

Sunday, 11:00 am  Dharma School

BUDDHIST TEMPLE CALENDAR

November
19 noon  Dharma discussion
20 No service
11:00 am - 1:00 pm  chow mein pick-up
27 10:00 am  Regular service

December
3 9:30 am  Dharma discussion
4 10:00 am  Shoto-ki monthly memorial service; Bodhi Day service; appreciation lunch
11 6:00 am  Mochitsuki
10:00 am - 2:00 pm  Mochi pick-up
15 10:30 am  Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
17 9:30 am  Dharma discussion
18 10:00 am  Regular service
25 No service
31 6:00 pm  New Year’s Eve service

January 2017
1 10:00 am  New Year’s Day service
7 9:30 am  Dharma discussion
8 10:00 am  Shoto-ki monthly memorial service
15 10:00 am  Ho-onko Shinran Shonin’s memorial service, New Year luncheon, Silent Auction
19 10:30 am  Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
21 9:30 am  Dharma discussion
22 10:00 am  Regular service
29 10:00 am  Regular service

Please mark your calendar:

UDON FUNDRAISER
Saturday, February 4, 2017
Details forthcoming.

9610 Haddon Avenue
Pacoima, CA 91331
(2 blocks east of Laurel Canyon Blvd. between Branford and Osborne St.)

Office Phone:
818 896-1676 (English)
(818) 899-4115 (Japanese)

Please refer to our website for more information:  www.crosswaysfv.org

English Department
Pastor Roland Hazama
Pastor Raynold Nakamura

Sunday Schedule
9:00-45 AM  Worship Service
10 - 11:15 AM  Worship Service
noon - 1:00 pm  Dharma discussion
10:00 am  Regular service

Mid-Week Home Groups
We believe that fellowship, friendship, and spiritual growth happens best in our small groups that meet during the week. We have a number of groups meeting in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys. Come, visit, and get to know our church. For more information, please call us or check our website.

Japanese Department
Pastor In Hyun

Please refer to our website for more information:  www.sfjp.weebly.com

Sunday Schedule
10:00 AM  Worship Service
Lunch and Fellowship after worship service on the 1st Sundays
Wednesdays, 10 am  Prayer @ Pastor’s house
SUNRISE FOUR SQUARE CHURCH

5852 Laurel Canyon Blvd.
Valley Village, CA 91607

English: Pastor Paul Iwata

Email: pmiwata1@hotmail.com
haruko.iwata@gmail.com
Website: www.sunrisejapanesechurch.org

Japanese: Pastor Haruko Iwata

Phone: (818) 782-8738
(818) 642-2332

Sunday Morning Service - 10:30 a.m.
(Prayer for Healing on 5th Sundays)

Sunday Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Thursday Evening Bible Study - 7 p.m.
Late Night Counseling and Prayer on the Last Friday of the Month
From 8 p.m. to 12 midnight
Location: The Prayer Chapel
14705 Wyandotte St.
Van Nuys, CA 91405 (mailing address)

Torrance Home Meeting – 7 p.m.
On the 2nd Wednesday of the month

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CC

December 3, 2016
CC Annual Membership Meeting

December 10, 2016
SFV JACL Christmas Party

December 17, 2016
SFV Japanese Language Institute Holiday Program

December 17, 2016
SFV Judo Club Christmas Party

January 7, 2017
CC New Year’s Luncheon

January 14, 2017
Meiji Seniors New Year’s Party

February 4, 2017
SFV Japanese Language Institute New Year’s Party

March 18, 2017
SF Athletics Pancake Breakfast

Celebrating SFV JACL’s
75th ANNIVERSARY
Installation Luncheon
Sunday, January 22, 2017
Odyssey Restaurant
15600 Odyssey Drive
Granada Hills, CA 91344

Keynote Speaker: Terry S. Hara, LAPD Deputy Chief (RET.)

Terry Hara retired from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) after 35 years of distinguished public service to the City of Los Angeles. He achieved the rank of Deputy Police Chief, and became the highest and the first ever Asian American on the LAPD to hold such an office.

Prior to retiring from the LAPD, Chief Hara was the Commanding Officer for Operations West Bureau (OWB). As the Commanding Officer of OWB, he was responsible for overseeing the geographic area operations of Hollywood, Wilshire, West Los Angeles, Pacific, Olympic, LAX Substation and West Traffic Divisions.

Chief Hara’s previous commands include Personnel and Training Bureau, Training Group and Training Division, Southeast and Wilshire Divisions, where he commanded Detectives, Patrol, Vice, Gang Units and Community Relations. Prior to Southeast Division he commanded Detective Support Division where he was in charge of the Bomb Squad, Asian Crime Investigation Section, Fugitive Warrant Section, Special Investigation Section, Criminal Conspiracy Section, FBI task force on violent crime, Audit Section, Criminal Investigation Section on counter terrorism, and Career Criminal Apprehension Section. He was also the official liaison between Department management and employee labor organizations while serving as the Department’s Employee Relations Administrator (ERA) for the Chief of Police.

Contact Person: Linda Tanaka
ltkita@hotmail.com
(855) 527-1224

11:30a - No Host Social
12:00p - Buffet Lunch
$35.00
San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center

2017 MEMBERSHIP FORM
(Membership period: January 1 to December 31, 2017)

1. Complete the information below.
2. Tear off the membership card for your records.
3. Make check payable to “SFVJACC”.
4. **Send your check and this form to:** SFVJACC – Membership

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